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ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

(Revised July 1998)

I. Records of Academic Performance

No oral or written disclosure of any evaluation of a current or former student's academic performance shall be made to any person not an employee of the University acting in an official capacity without the written consent of the student or former student. Provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) shall govern the handling of student records. Under no circumstance will information about a current or former student's academic record (including grades & GPA) be made known to the student over the telephone. A student may request access to his/her academic records by appearing in person at the school, with photo I.D. and by completing a written request to review his/her record. See also section XXVII.

II. Requirements for the J.D. Degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law

A. Full-time residence in the school for at least six academic semesters subject to specified exceptions regarding visiting, transfer, and foreign law programs.

1. To be considered "in residence" full-time for law school enrollment purposes, a student must register for at least 12 credits and receive a passing grade for at least 9 of those credits. Withdrawal from a course prior to the completion of the semester that causes the student to fall below twelve credits will result in failure to earn residency. Under extraordinary circumstances and with the prior written permission of the Associate Dean, a student may register for as few as 10 credits and still receive full residency for that semester, provided the student receives a passing grade for at least 9 of those credits. In no case may a student earn more than one semester of full-time residence credit during the academic semester.
2. Students may only earn partial residency with the prior written permission of the Associate Dean or his/her designee. Partial residency may only be earned in the three following situations.
 - a. Students who enroll in and receive credit for six or more credits in an ABA-approved summer law program may receive one-half (.5) a semester of residency.
 - b. Under exceptional circumstances, a student may register for between 6 and 10 credits and receive one-half (.5) a semester of residency. "Exceptional circumstances" might include parenting, health, care giving and pregnancy. It is anticipated that a student would only be allowed to exercise this option one time.

- c. A dual degree candidate in his or her terminal law school semester, may combine a half semester of residency earned under (a) with a half semester of law school residency to earn a full semester of residency, provided the student takes at least six law school credits in the terminal semester and remains enrolled full-time at the University of Hawai'i, pursuing courses in his or her dual degree.

Students who have registered as full-time students but who earn fewer than 9 credits are not entitled to earn partial residency unless they meet the standards set forth in sub-paragraph (b) or (c) above.

- 3. After the first year, any student in good standing may, with the prior written approval of the Associate Dean or his or her designee, choose to take fewer than 12 credits, with the express understanding that the student will not earn any residency for that semester. This option may not be exercised more than twice.
- B. Eighty-nine or more semester credit hours earned.
 - C. A cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better in all work taken after the first semester of the first year.
 - D. Completion of the pro bono requirement.
 - E. All required courses including the first year curriculum, Constitutional Law I, Second Year Seminar, Professional Responsibility, and a clinical or skills course from a list of courses satisfying that requirement maintained by the Associate Dean. The requirements are more fully described in the official Law School Catalog. Required courses cannot be taken at another law school.
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Special Projects include Externships, directed study, Law Review, foreign law programs (i.e. non-ABA accredited programs, e.g. a semester at the University of the Philippines), Moot Court Team, and Moot Court Board, as well as graduate courses, seminars, etc. taken outside the School of Law at other departments at the University of Hawai'i. Law courses, including summer courses in foreign locations (e.g. Santa Clara University's summer programs in Japan, Korea and Singapore) taken at other ABA-accredited law schools are not counted as Special Projects.

B. Restrictions.

1. No more than a combined total of 12 credits of Special Projects can be credited towards the requirements of the J.D. degree. For students pursuing a dual degree, a Pacific/Asia Externship, or a foreign law program, a total of 17 credits of Special Projects can be credited.
2. Students on probation cannot enroll in Special Projects courses during their probation period.
3. Students are not permitted to enroll in both a foreign law Program and a Pacific/Asia Externship.

C. Courses outside law school.

1. Students not pursuing a dual degree/certificate.

A student not pursuing a dual degree may earn and count in the credit hours required for the J.D. degree, with the approval of the Associate Dean secured in advance of earning such outside credit, up to 3 hours of credit for the successful completion of a graduate level (600 or higher) course taken outside the law school.

With the approval of the Associate Dean, a student may take a language course and earn up to 3 hours of credit for successful completion if the language course is a 300 or higher level. However, if the language does not offer courses higher than a 200 level, then a 200 level course may be approved.

2. Dual graduate degrees and graduate certificate programs.

Students properly enrolled in and concurrently pursuing our J.D. degree and another graduate degree or graduate certificate program may earn and count in the credit hours required for the J.D. degree, with the approval of the Associate Dean secured in advance of earning such outside credit, up to 10 hours of credit for the successful completion of work in the other graduate degree or certificate program.

In those cases where the student completes the J.D. degree before the other graduate degree or certificate, the ten credits from that degree or certificate program will only be counted toward the J.D. degree if the student has made substantial progress toward the second degree or certificate program.

3. For advance approval of graduate courses the Associate Dean must be satisfied that the course(s) will prove useful and relevant to the student's professional legal education or law career and that the content is of a nature to justify its substitution for courses offered in the law school.
4. All graduate course(s) must be taken for a letter grade. A grade of "C" or better shall be counted as a "Credit" on the law school transcript and will not be computed by the law school in the cumulative grade point average.
5. Students on probation may not enroll in courses outside the law school.

D. Externships.

1. Except for a Pacific/Asia Externship, an Externship earns two credits.
2. A student may earn graduation credit for two Externships, except that students electing a Pacific/Asia Externship may not count another Externship toward graduation. Only one Externship may be taken in each of the following sectors: law firm, public agency, judiciary, or state legislature.
3. A student may receive 12 credits and a full residency semester for work during the regular academic year if enrolled in Pacific/Asia Externship. A student earning Pacific/Asia Externship credit may not earn credit toward graduation for another Externship. Pacific/Asia Externships may be approved for placements anywhere out of the state of Hawai'i. There are limits on the number of students per semester that may enroll in Pacific/Asia Externship. Advanced approval must be obtained from the Externship Director.
4. Only one Externship will be permitted in any one semester.
5. Students on probation may not enroll in an Externship while on probation.

E. Directed Study.

1. Members of the full-time faculty are permitted to supervise up to three students each semester working on Directed Study, Law 576V, and either to give letter grades for these projects or to award "Credit/No Credit" as mutually agreed at the time of enrollment.
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secures approval from the faculty to award more credit prior to the beginning of the semester in which the project is to be undertaken.

3. A decision whether the project shall receive a normal grade or "Credit/No Credit" shall be made by the supervising faculty member and entered into the student's record at the time of the regular registration period for the semester in which the project will be undertaken.
4. Students on probation may not enroll in a directed study while on probation.

IV. Grades

- A. Subject to paragraph C, and exceptions listed in A.1 and A.2 below, students will be graded in all academic work carried for credit in accordance with the following system:

GRADES	GRADE POINTS
A - Excellent	4
B - Good	3
C - Satisfactory	2
D - Low Pass	1
F - No Credit	0
I - Incomplete	0

Even though professors may award unofficial plus ("+") or minus ("-") grades, under no circumstances will these grades be used to calculate a GPA for any reason.

Work taken in the first semester of the first year, or the work taken in the semester(s) as a Pre-Admission student, shall be treated as follows:

1. No grade information other than "Credit" or "No Credit" shall be reported to anyone other than the student and employees of the law school acting in an official capacity.
2. Subject to Academic Regulation V.A., students' letter grades in the first semester or the Pre-Admission semester(s) will not be used in determining a student's official law school GPA except to assist the student for purposes of permitting graduation, avoiding dismissal, or avoiding probation.

For first year students, these letter grades will be used to decide academic status and whether the student is eligible to continue in residence following the first

semester of the first year. Pre-Admission students should refer to the Pre-Admission Academic Regulations for additional grade information.

3. The term "Credit" as it is used in paragraph A.1 shall show a performance of "D" or better.

B. Grading Norms.

1. Grading norms for all courses are set out below to afford each instructor a guide to institutional expectation while simultaneously permitting sufficient flexibility to allow for instructor variations and for variations in student performance in different courses. In the event of departure from the stated range the instructor will be expected to justify the departure on inquiry of the Dean or faculty.

GRADES	RANGES		
	Over 20 Students	20 Students and Under	Writing Courses (LMS, ApAd, SYS)
A – Excellent (4)	5-20%	5-25%	25-40%
B – Good (3)	25-50%	25-50%	40-65%
C – Satisfactory (2)	30-70%	25-70%	20-35%
D – Low Pass (1)	0-10%	0-10%	0-10%
F – No credit (0)	0-10%	0-10%	0-10%

2. The top fifteen percent of each class will be individually ranked and the rest will be ranked by quartile (e.g. top twenty-five percent, top fifty percent, etc.). Students graduating in the top quartile graduate *cum laude*, students graduating in the top ten percent graduate *magna cum laude*, and students graduating in the top five percent graduate *summa cum laude*.
- C.** All courses and seminars taken outside the law school, including courses at other law schools, must be taken on a graded basis, but shall be entered as "Credit/No Credit" on the law school transcript. The "Credit" shall show a performance of "C" or better.
- D.** All Externships shall be graded on the basis of "Credit/No Credit." The term "Credit" shall show a performance of "C" or better.
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- F. Each law student may choose to take up to six semester hours (during the entire period of residency) of electives (that are normally graded) on a "Credit/No Credit" basis. "Credit" will be given to those students earning an equivalent of a "C" or better. "No Credit" will be given to those students earning the equivalent of a "D" or "F." No grade will be included in a student's grade point average when the "Credit/No Credit" option is picked nor is that student eligible for an award for the highest grade in that course. Students selecting this option must do so by the end of the add period for classes. Students are urged to be cautious in exercising this option and should consult with the Associate Dean before doing so.
- G. "No Credit" grades shall not count toward residency requirements and shall not count in the credit hours required for graduation.

Example: A student registered for twelve credits taking a 4-credit course as Credit/No Credit and earning a grade of D would not earn credit and would also not earn a resident semester, having fallen below nine credits. (See Academic Regulation, II.A.1, above)

- H. A faculty member has broad discretion in determining the factors (including but not limited to answers to examination, assigned written or oral work, class participation and special projects) to be considered in evaluating student performance, and in determining what weights are assigned to such factors in determining grades. Factors which do not bear reasonable relationship or relevance to the course's educational objectives, or that are not reasonably necessary or useful to achieve such objectives, should not be considered.

If an instructor intends to consider factors in addition to or substitution for a final written examination, he or she shall give written notice to the students together with the factors to be considered and the relative weight to be assigned to such factors before the end of the first week of classes for that course in the semester in which the grade will be awarded and shall submit at that time to the administration in writing the factors and relative weights to be assigned to such factors in determining grades for that course.

V. Eligibility to Continue in Residence

- A. Students shall not be eligible to continue in residence beyond the end of any semester after which the student's cumulative average falls below 1.60.
- B. A student who is eligible to continue in residence but whose cumulative average at the end of any semester is less than 2.00 but greater than 1.59 shall be allowed to continue in residence but he or she shall be on probation. Unless such student maintains a 2.00 average on all work taken the next regular fall or spring semester during which he or she is on probation, he or she shall be ineligible to continue beyond the end of such semester.

- C. In computing a student's cumulative average at the end of any semester for purposes of paragraphs A and B, above, a grade of "Incomplete" shall not be considered.
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VI. Passing Required Seminars and Workshops; Retaking of Courses

- A. Passing required courses, seminars and workshops.

Except for transfer students, students must earn a grade of "D" or better in all required courses, seminars and workshops graded for a letter grade or credit in courses graded for Credit/No Credit. Students who earn an "F" in any part of a sequential course required in the First-Year (Contracts I & II, Civil Procedure I & II, and Torts I & II) must retake that part, but may enroll in the next scheduled sequence prior to retake.

- B. Retaking of courses generally.

A student otherwise eligible to continue in residence may retake any required or elective course in which he or she earned the grade of "F", "D" or "No Credit." Each course may only be retaken once. Thus, if a student receives an "F" in a required course and, upon re-enrollment, again earns an "F", the student may not re-enroll a second time and must be dismissed from the law school as it is a requirement of graduation (see VI.A above) that a student receive a grade of "D" or better in each required course.

Also, if a student initially took a course on a "Credit/No Credit" basis, the course must be retaken on the same basis. Likewise, if the course was originally taken for a letter grade, the course must be retaken on the same basis.

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- b. Grade for retake will not exceed a "C."

If the new grade is an "A" or a "B", a grade of "C" shall be entered on the student's law school records rather than the higher grade and this new grade of "C" shall be used for all purposes.

2. Treatment of credits earned upon retake.

In situations where the number of credits for the retaken course differs from those of the original course, the credits for the retaken course shall replace the original credits for all purposes.

VII. Due Date for Written Work

In all work in which the grade depends in whole or in part upon a written paper or papers, the paper(s) must be presented to the instructor on or before the final day of the examination period for the semester in which the work is taken, or at such earlier time as is required by the instructor. Extension of time may be granted at the instructor's discretion upon adequate cause shown, if any extension is arranged for before the due date. An instructor will not be required to accept a paper for credit in any case of failure to comply with this provision. In the case of sectioned classes such as Second Year Seminar, Appellate Advocacy and Legal Method Seminar, with uniform deadlines, extensions must be requested through the Associate Dean who will determine whether a late paper is excused or unexcused and subject to penalty.

Unexcused late papers, including first drafts, are penalized as follows:

If paper due on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

But paper arrives between 9:01 a.m. and 12:00

Grade reduced by one step.

(A becomes an A-, A- becomes a B+, etc.)

Paper arrives between 12:01 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. same day

Grade reduced by a half grade.

(A becomes a B+, A- becomes a B, etc.)

Paper arrives on Tuesday, a day late

Grade reduced by one full grade per day thereafter.

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If paper due on Monday at 1:00 p.m.

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Grade reduced one full grade per day thereafter.

VIII. Auditing

Auditing is permitted with the permission of the professor. Only second- and third-year students may register to audit courses. Officially audited courses appear on UHM transcripts with the designation "L," but do not count toward computation of GPA, graduation requirements or residency.

IX. Readmission

A student who for academic reasons is ineligible to continue in residence may petition the Law School Petitions Committee in writing for readmission. The Petitions Committee will evaluate such petitions according to the academic standards governing the law school and will act favorably on such petitions only under the following circumstances:

- for first semester first year students, the petitioner proves that he or she has a **strong likelihood of completing the law school program and becoming a competent attorney.**
- for all other students, the petitioner proves that he or she was subject to **extraordinary circumstances** and that the petitioner has a **strong likelihood of completing the law school program and becoming a competent attorney.**

Petitions to the Petitions Committee must be submitted in writing through the Associate Dean by the stated deadline. To be considered for readmission, the petitioner must submit the petition at least two calendar weeks before the beginning of the semester following the dismissal or at such earlier or later time as the Associate Dean may designate in writing to the potential petitioner. Failure to petition at this time constitutes a waiver of the right to petition.

A petitioner has the right to appear in person before the Petitions Committee and may bring an associate to help in the advocacy of the petition. It is the petitioner's burden to bring all relevant evidence before the Petitions Committee. The Petitions Committee may actively seek outside information regarding the petitioner. Favorable action by the Petitions Committee is a final decision on the petition.

A denial of the petition may be appealed to the full faculty. On appeal to the full faculty, the petitioner, or his or her advocate, may address the faculty for five (5) minutes. No new evidence may be brought before the full faculty. However, the full faculty may review the Petitions Committee's decision and make a de novo determination.

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An event or series of events that is unforeseeable and unusual for law students and that has an extreme adverse impact upon the student's ability to pursue the study of law.

X. Examinations

- A. A student who is enrolled in a course in which an examination or examinations are given will be required to take said examination(s) at its or their regularly scheduled time and place. Failure to hand in an examination paper will result in the award of an "F" grade for courses taken for a grade or in the award of "No Credit" for courses taken on a "Credit/No Credit" basis.

Exceptions to this provision may be granted only for medically certified disabilities or verified emergencies beyond the student's control that substantially impair the student's ability to do the examination at the scheduled time, provided that to the extent practicable, the student obtains prior approval from the Dean or the Associate Dean and provided further that, to the extent practicable, the rescheduled examination be given after the time of the regularly scheduled examination.

- B. Final examinations will be graded anonymously. The system by which this is done will be designed by the administration and from time to time reviewed by the faculty.
- C. Examination procedures as established by the Assistant Dean are incorporated by reference.

XI. Procedures for Review of Final Grades

- A. Each instructor will, on request, discuss the final grade assigned to the work of any student in the instructor's course.
- B. If, after the review provided in paragraph A, above, the student believes that his or her grade was the product of an abuse of professorial discretion, amounting to arbitrariness, bias or other serious unfairness, the student may use the law school's Academic Grievance Procedures to seek a change in the grade.
- C. If the professor believes the grade was the result of a mathematical error in computing the grade, the Professor will notify the Associate Dean who will circulate a memorandum to the faculty, explaining the circumstances of the error and requesting approval to change the grade. A grade may not be changed based upon a reevaluation of a student's work.

XII. Policy for Student Review of Examination Papers

Examination papers are an important element of law school pedagogy. Examination papers should be made available for students to review either at the professor's office, the faculty

secretaries' office or temporarily released to the student for photocopying and return. All exams must be held for one year unless the examination papers are returned to the student.

It is left to the individual faculty member's discretion to devise a system of grading examination papers. Should the system involve making scoring notations on the examination paper itself, faculty members are strongly urged to devise a notation method that protects against the remote possibility of subsequent alteration.

For example, a method in which the professor marks down all points earned in light pencil could be taken advantage of by someone slightly altering one or more point notations and then claiming that the professor had made a mathematical error in computing the point notations. Such a situation could be avoided by not making point notations on the examination paper, by keeping a separate tally sheet, or by using a pen.

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Any matriculated classified student in good standing (i.e., not on probation or dismissed) may enroll in law courses at any ABA approved summer program with the prior written approval of the Associate Dean.

Such courses must be taken for a letter grade unless a letter grade option is not offered. For any course in which the student earns a "C" or better, the credits will be accepted toward the student's graduation requirement. However, that grade will be counted only as "Credit" and will not be included when computing the law school cumulative grade point average.

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Any student in good standing may visit one or two semesters at another ABA-approved law school as a full-time student during the semester earning residency at that law school and transfer the credits earned at that school with the prior written approval of the Associate Dean or his/her designee. The student must have earned a total of at least 45 of his/her graduation requirement of 89 credits in residence at the University of Hawai'i and have taken all required courses at this law school in order to be graduated from this law school.

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Students visiting UH from other law school are bound by these academic regulations, particularly Section IIA regarding full-time residence. Students visiting UH may not participate in the course lottery but may enroll during open enrollment if space permits. Visiting students may take Second Year Seminar on a space-available basis if a section is subscribed under 12 students and with the instructor's approval.

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XVII. Transfer Credits

In approving transfer credits for transfer students or UH students visiting another ABA-approved law school, the Associate Dean or his/her designee may not allow a student to transfer credits for a course in excess of the amount of credits the course is currently offered for at the University of Hawai'i. For example, a student seeking to transfer three credits from an Immigration Law course taken at another law school will only be allowed to transfer two of those credits as our Immigration Law course is only offered for two credits. In all cases in which transfer credits are allowed, the grades earned for those credits are not counted; a grade of "Credit" will be used for all transferred credits. A student must have earned at least a grade of "C" in order for the credits to be transferred. While attending another law program as a visiting student, students must take all courses for a letter grade, i.e. they may not enroll in courses graded Pass/Fail or CR/NC.

XVIII. Part-time Employment

The school, while it does not prohibit it, strongly discourages Pre-Admission and first-year students from taking employment during the school term. Cognizant of the demands placed on students by the beginning curriculum, the faculty believe that a student's learning and academic progress may be seriously compromised by the distractions which employment is likely to bring. However, the faculty realizes that rising tuition costs and difficult economic conditions may make it necessary for some students to engage in employment. Under no circumstances may any law student engage in employment for more than 20 hours per week during school terms. Those who violate this policy may be held accountable under the Academic Regulations. Students should also be advised that the need to work may not be raised as a justifying factor in the process of appealing academic actions or as a defense for failing to meet academic deadlines.

XIX. Foreign Law Programs

It is possible for a second or third-year law student to attend a foreign law program during the fall or spring semester and transfer a maximum of twelve credits earned at that program as well as a full semester of residency. Such programs require at least a year of advance planning, must conform to strict ABA guidelines, and must have the prior written approval of the Associate Dean or his/her designee.

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Full-time study shall mean registration for a minimum of 12 credit hours of study per semester, plus regular and punctual attendance at scheduled class meetings. The latter requirement is based on the premise that the instructional program can only realize its full potential with active participation by all members of the law school community.

Subject to limitations imposed by accrediting institutions of the University of Hawai'i, the faculty may permit exceptions to certain of the above requirements in individual cases for reason of illness, family emergency, or the like.

Some classes have an attendance policy monitored by the Associate Dean. If you need to miss a class, contact the Associate Dean's Office (by telephone or e-mail) to report an absence from class. Indicate the reason for your absence, the classes you will be missing and the number of days you will be absent. The Associate Dean will determine whether your absence is excused or unexcused and will notify the instructor. Absences will be excused for reasons of illness, family emergency and extraordinary situations (e.g. Moot Court competitions on the mainland) if approved by the Associate Dean. A doctor's note or other evidence may be requested, particularly for long-term absences. If you are called to jury duty, the Associate Dean's office will prepare a letter requesting you be excused. Weddings, work and attending outside programs are not considered excused absences.

Students not meeting the requirement of regular and punctual attendance may be subject to disciplinary action including dismissal from the course, a substantial grade reduction or assignment of a failing grade for the course.

In the case of a student who has accumulated excessive unexcused absences, the Associate Dean or his/her designee has the authority to intervene and impose one of the sanctions listed in the preceding paragraph. "Excessive" is defined as three weeks of class or more.

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A normal semester course load is 14 to 16 credit hours. Students who wish to register for more than 17 or fewer than 12 credit hours per semester must first obtain the written approval of the Associate Dean. When the Associate Dean approves a load of fewer than 12 credits, a note shall be placed in the student file indicating the decision, the reasons and whether residency will be awarded.

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During the law school's drop/add period, students may freely withdraw from any elective course, assuming they would still be in residence full-time (see II.A.1.). From that time until the date set by the University as the last day for restricted withdrawal, a student must have the Associate Dean's written permission to withdraw. After that day, no withdrawals are permitted except under unusual circumstances beyond the student's control. Withdrawal from required courses (i.e., all first year courses, Constitutional Law I, Professional Responsibility and Second-Year Seminar) is only allowed under extraordinary circumstances.

XXIV. Leave of Absence

A student who has completed the first year of law school may request a one to two semester leave of absence. The request should be in writing to the Associate Dean and state the reason(s) for the request.

If a student on a leave of absence fails to return at the end of the leave of absence, the student will be withdrawn from the J.D. program. Should that student wish to resume law study, the student will have to reapply to enter as a first-year student and none of the previously completed courses may be counted towards the J.D. degree.

XXV. Application and Amendment of Regulations

Amendments to these regulations or modifications of graduation requirements may be adopted by the faculty from time to time and shall be binding at its discretion on all students from the date of adoption; provided, however, that no such amendment shall apply to the prejudice of any student enrolled in the school at the time of adoption as to credit and cumulative average requirements for graduation.

XXVI. Appeal

Any decision made by the Dean, or his/her designate, pursuant to these regulations may be appealed to the full faculty by submitting a written petition to the Associate Dean at least five days before the next regularly scheduled faculty meeting. The petitioner may, at the discretion of the faculty, appear at the faculty meeting.

XXVII. Privacy Rights

Pursuant to Section 99.6 of the rules and regulations governing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (hereinafter the Act), students in attendance at the campuses of the University of Hawai'i are hereby notified of the following:

1. It is the administrative policy of the University of Hawai'i to subscribe to the requirements of Section 438 of the General Education Provision Act, Title IV, of Public

Law 90-247 as amended, and to the rules and regulations governing the Act, which protect the privacy rights of the students:

2. The rights of students under the Act include the following, subject to conditions and limitations specified in the Act:
 - (a) The right to inspect and review education records.
 - (b) The right to request to amend educational records.
 - (c) The right of protection from disclosure by the University of Hawai'i personally identifiable information contained in education records without permission of the student involved.
 - (d) The right to waive certain rights under the Act.
 - (e) The right to file complaints concerning alleged failure by the University of Hawai'i to comply with the Act.
3. Students are advised that institutional policy and procedures required under the Act have been published as Administrative Procedure A7.022, Procedures Relating to the Protection of the Educational Rights and Privacy of students. Copies of APA7.022 may be obtained from the Office of the Dean of Students.
4. Directory Information

Students are advised that certain personally identifiable information is considered by the university to be directory information and, in response to public inquiry, may be disclosed in conformance with state law, at the university's discretion, without prior consent of the student unless the student requests that the university not disclose such information.

- (a) Name of student.
- (b) Local address and zip code maintained in the campus locator printout.
- (c) Local telephone number maintained in the campus locator printout.
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A student has the right to request that any or all of the above items not be designated directory information with respect to that student. Should a student wish to exercise this right, he or she must in person and in writing, not earlier than the first day of instruction, nor later than fourteen calendar days from the first day of instruction for the academic term or semester, or the fourth day of a summer session, inform the campus registrar which of the above items are not to be disclosed without the consent of that student.

5. A parent or spouse of a student is advised that information contained in educational records, except as may be determined to be directory information, will not be disclosed to him/her without the prior written consent of the son, daughter, or spouse.

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA
WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW**

**ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR
PRE-ADMISSION TO LAW SCHOOL PROGRAM**

(Revised July 1998)

The Academic Regulations for the University of Hawaii at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law apply to all Pre-Admission students and are incorporated herein by reference. The provisions below are specifically for students in the Pre-Admission Program. In the event of a conflict between the two sets of academic regulations, the provisions specifically adopted for the Pre-Admission Program shall control.

I. Status of Pre-Admission Students

- A. Pre-Admission students are enrolled as unclassified graduate students. Upon admission to the law school they are enrolled as classified law students.

II. Requirements for Admission to the William S. Richardson School of Law

A. Required courses.

1. Regular first-year courses.

Each Pre-Admission student shall enroll in the following regular first-year courses in the Fall semester:

LAW 506:	Legal Research- 1 cr.
LAW 509:	Contracts I - 3 cr.
LAW 516:	Civil Procedure I - 3 cr.

Each Pre-Admission student shall enroll in the following regular first-year courses in the Spring semester:

LAW 510:	Contracts II - 3 cr.
LAW 517:	Civil Procedure II - 3 cr.

2. Pre-Admission Seminar.

Each Pre-Admission student also shall enroll in the Pre-Admission Seminar in each semester (LAW 501 in the Fall - 4 cr.; LAW 502 in the Spring - 4 cr.).

3. Tutorials.

In addition, each Pre-Admission student shall enroll in LAW 516L (Civil Procedure Tutorial - 1 cr.) and LAW 509L (Contracts Tutorial - 1 cr.) during the Fall semester, and LAW 517L (Civil Procedure Tutorial - 1 cr.) and LAW 510L (Contracts Tutorial - 1 cr.) during the Spring semester.

B. Grading.

1. Pre-Admission students will be tested and graded with regular first-year students, and on the same basis, in those first-year courses in which they are enrolled during their Pre-Admission semester(s).
 - a. For these courses no grade information other than "Credit" or "No Credit" shall be reported to anyone other than the student and employees of the law school acting in an official capacity.
 - b. These grades will not be used except to assist the student for purposes of permitting graduation, avoiding dismissal, or avoiding probation. The grades will also be used to determine academic status under II.C. below.
 - c. The term "Credit" as it is used in this section shall show a performance of "D" or better.
2. The Pre-Admission Seminar and Tutorials shall be graded "Credit" or "No Credit" and without advisory letter grades. "Credit" shall be awarded to students who:
 - a. Regularly and punctually attend Pre-Admission Seminar and Tutorial meetings.
 - (1) Absences shall not exceed a total of three per semester for each of these three courses. Additional absences may be permitted by the Associate Dean, but only for reasons of compelling health or other personal emergencies. Documentation may be required.
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3. A Pre-Admission student may not take an "I" (Incomplete) grade in any course or seminar. A grade of "F" shall be entered in the event a student fails to sit for an examination or fails to meet the requirements of B.2, above.
- C. Standards for continuing in residency and admission to the School of Law.
1. Early Admission.
 - a. A student who achieves a "Credit" in the Pre-Admission Seminar and Tutorials and a GPA of 2.60 or better in the Pre-Admission Fall semester shall be admitted as a classified law student for the Spring semester.
 2. Continuing in the Pre-Admission Program.
 - a. Pre-Admission students must achieve a GPA of 1.00 or better in all regular course work taken in the first Pre-Admission semester and must receive "Credit" for the Pre-Admission Seminar and Tutorials to be admitted to their Pre-Admission second semester.
 3. A student who achieves a "Credit" for the Pre-Admission Seminar and the Tutorials in both semesters, and who:
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 4. Admission on Probation.
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5. Dismissal from the Pre-Admission Program.

- a. A student who fails to meet the requirement for continuing on for the second Pre-Admission semester (C.2 above) shall be dismissed from the Pre-Admission program.
- b. A student who fails to meet the requirements for admission after the two Pre-Admission semesters (C.3 or 4 above), shall not be admitted to the School of Law.

II. Post Matriculation

A. Students admitted to the School of Law after one or two Pre-Admission semester(s):

1. Shall have only the regular first-year law school courses taken during the Pre-Admission semester(s) count toward their graduation requirements.
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3. Shall enroll in all first-year courses and seminars not taken during the Pre-Admission semester(s). However, Pre-Admission students admitted after only the first Pre-Admission semester may not take the second semester of any of the first year sequential courses (i.e. Torts II or Appellate Advocacy) immediately upon admission to the School of Law.
4. May take, with the consent of the Associate Dean, upper division law courses in any semester in which such student is also completing regular first-year requirements. It is strongly recommended that a matriculated Pre-Admission student take no more than 12 credits for the first semester after matriculation.

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B. Residency.

1. The Pre-Admission semester(s) shall not count toward the graduation requirement of six semesters in residence. The 5-year period within which a student must complete law studies commences with the first semester as a classified law student.

C. Probation.

1. A former Pre-Admission student admitted to the regular first-year class on probation must earn at least a 1.75 GPA in the first semester following admission of the first year to continue in residence. For each semester after that the student remains on probation, he/she must earn at least a 2.0 GPA.

D. Summer School.

1. A Pre-Admission student who matriculates early may enroll in ABA-approved summer programs during the summer following the first matriculated semester. However, the non-completion of certain first-year courses could affect a Pre-Admission student's ability to perform in certain elective courses.

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

(Revised July 1998)

Article I. School of Law Disciplinary Action

1. Rules relating to student conduct and discipline. Students are subject both to the Student Conduct Code of University of Hawai'i, as approved in July 1992 and amended from time to time and to the rules and regulations of the School of Law, as published and amended from time to time, relating to student conduct and discipline. Each entering law student shall receive a copy of the rules and regulations of the School of Law upon matriculation. The University of Hawai'i Student Conduct Code is available through the office of the University of Hawai'i Dean of Student Services.
2. Scope of disciplinary action by the School of Law. Disciplinary action by the School of Law is governed by these regulations. Such action extends to the following conduct:
 - a. Conduct in violation of School of Law rules or regulations. Such conduct is defined in Article II, below.
 - b. Other conduct, including but not limited to conduct in violation of University of Hawai'i rules or of public law, when such conduct is not commensurate with professional standards of conduct required of lawyers. Such conduct is defined in Article III, below.
3. Applicability. These regulations apply only to law students enrolled in an ABA approved law school program at the time the alleged violation occurred. Cases involving students from other University departments or colleges will be referred to the University's Dean of Students.

Article II. Violations of School of Law Rules and Regulations

1. General rule. Any law student who violates the rules or regulations of the School of Law or the University of Hawai'i may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to these regulations. Violations include, but are not limited to, the specific examples of School of Law rules and regulations, contained in paragraph 2.
2. Specific examples. The following are examples of actions which may result in disciplinary action pursuant to these regulations:
 - a. School of Law Academic Regulations. Students are required to comply with the School of Law Academic Regulations. Willful or repeated failure to

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- b. Disruption of School of Law activities or operations. Conduct that disrupts or impairs School of Law or University activities or operations may be subject to disciplinary action. The kind of conduct referred to is conduct that by itself or in conjunction with the conduct of others disrupts or impairs the effective carrying on of the activity, a result that the student knew or reasonably should have known would occur.
- c. Plagiarism. Plagiarism is the knowing use, without adequate attribution, of the published ideas, expressions, or work, of another, with intent to pass such materials off as one's own. All written work, whether in preliminary or final form, submitted by a student in the course of law study is assumed to be the student's own work. Anything copied or paraphrased from another author or source must be appropriately identified, acknowledged, and attributed to that source. The use of another's language or the substantial adaptation thereof without identification as a direct quotation by quotation marks or otherwise is plagiarism even though the source is cited in the student's work. Violation of the rules stated in this paragraph may subject students to disciplinary action. (See Policy on Plagiarism).
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- e. Abuse of these Regulations. Any student who knowingly files a false report or complaint under these Regulations or knowingly gives false information may be subject to disciplinary action.
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 - 3. destroying evidence in order to hinder the prosecution of any complaint.
- g. **Misrepresentation.** Misrepresentation is defined as any act or omission which is deceptive or misleading and by which a student gains or attempts to gain a benefit or advantage from the University, its faculty, staff, or students, or persons dealing with the University. Examples of this offense include, but are not limited to:
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 - 2. furnishing any person material information which is known to the student to be false and which relates to the student's academic record or otherwise concerns activities in the University.
- h. **Interference with property.** Interference with property is defined as any taking or destroying of the property of the University or of its faculty, staff, or students. Such property includes, but is not limited to, materials in the Library of the School of Law. Examples of this offense include, but are not limited to:
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 - b. that involves dishonesty, fraud, or deceit; or
 - c. that violates the standards of professional ethics established for lawyers or otherwise adversely reflects on the fitness of the student for admission to the bar. Such standards include the standards enacted by the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i to govern the conduct of lawyers.
2. Specific examples. Subject to the standard defined in paragraph 1, above, the following are examples of conduct that may be determined to be unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary action pursuant to these regulations:
 - a. Failure to comply with University rules relating to student conduct and discipline. Students are required to comply with the rules established by University of Hawai'i relating to student conduct and discipline. Willful or repeated failure to comply with such rules may be determined to be unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary action pursuant to these regulations whether or not such conduct is also subject to disciplinary action pursuant to University rules.
 - b. Violations of public law. Conduct in violation of public law may be determined to be unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary action pursuant to these regulations whether or not such conduct is also subject to criminal or other sanctions. In making such determinations, relevant opinions and decisions by the State of Hawai'i Office of Disciplinary Counsel and other analogous agencies in other states should be considered.
 - c. Other conduct. Conduct defined as unprofessional conduct under paragraph 1, above, may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to these regulations whether or not such conduct is related to the academic process at University of Hawai'i, and whether or not such conduct is also subject to other sanctions.

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Article IV. Investigation and Presentation of Charges

1. Preservation of anonymity. Throughout all phases of investigation, presentation of charges and review of Disciplinary Committee decisions, and subject to the needs of a reasonable investigation, all parties will take reasonable steps to maintain the anonymity of the student(s) charged with misconduct under these regulations.
2. Temporary suspension. In an emergency, the Dean may temporarily suspend a student prior to a hearing; provided that hearing pursuant to these rules is conducted within a reasonable time thereafter if the student requests a hearing. Examples of emergencies include situations where the student poses a danger of inflicting bodily harm upon himself/herself or others, of inflicting serious emotional distress on others, or creating a substantial disruption of law school activities including classroom instruction. If possible, a temporary suspension should be issued only after the Dean has met with the student and relevant others and discussed the situation and alternative solutions with them.
3. Investigation of reported student misconduct. All reports of student misconduct must be in writing and shall be referred to the Office of the Dean, which shall promptly conduct an investigation of the matter. At the direction of the Dean, the Associate Dean or the Assistant Dean shall discuss the matter with the student at the earliest opportunity, informing the student of the right to counsel at his or her own expense and the right to remain silent, and warning that anything the student may say may be used against the student. At that time, the student shall be given a copy of these regulations.
4. Informal disposition. If, in the judgment of the Dean, the report is unfounded or warrants no formal action, no action shall be taken and no record shall be made of the matter in the student's law school record or upon the student's University transcript. The student shall be informed promptly of the Dean's determination and the matter shall be considered closed.

If, in the judgment of the Dean, the report appears to warrant disciplinary action, the Dean, with the written agreement of the student, may impose any of the sanctions provided herein. Such agreement must be reached within seven calendar days of the receipt by the student of written notice of the Dean's recommended sanction.

5. Presentation of charges. If, in the judgment of the Dean, the report appears to warrant disciplinary action and the student does not agree to the sanction recommended by the Dean, the Dean shall direct that charges against the student be drawn and that the entire matter be referred to the Law School Disciplinary Committee. The Associate Dean shall promptly draw up charges against the student and transmit such charges in writing both to the student and to the Disciplinary Committee convened to hear the charges pursuant to Article V, below. If, in the judgment of the Dean, the alleged violation does not involve unprofessional conduct as that term is defined in Article IV above, the Dean may hand the matter over to the University's Dean of Students for further disposition rather than referring the matter to the Law School Disciplinary Committee.

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2. Election of a Disciplinary Committee consisting solely of Faculty members. Any student against whom charges are brought pursuant to these regulations may elect to have the Disciplinary Committee convened to hear the student's case consist solely of three members of the full-time Faculty of the School of Law. Such election shall be made promptly upon receipt by the student of the charges. The Dean shall decide which one of the four original faculty members is to be removed from the Committee for the purpose of that hearing.
3. Joint hearings. Where two or more students are charged with participating in the same act or transaction, or in the same series of acts or transactions, constituting a rule violation or unprofessional conduct under these Regulations, the charges shall be referred to a single Disciplinary Committee for a joint hearing. If, in the judgment of the Committee, a separate hearing should be held for any reason in the case of any such student, the Committee convened to hear the charges shall hold such separate hearings as are required. If one or more, but fewer than all, students charged in a joint hearing elect to have the Committee consist solely of Faculty members as provided in paragraph 4, below, the Faculty members of the single Committee constituted pursuant to this paragraph shall constitute the Disciplinary Committee in the case of such student or students and shall hold a separate hearing or hearings as required.
4. Resignation and replacement of Disciplinary Committee members. If any member of a Disciplinary Committee feels that the member's relationship with either the case or the individuals involved would affect the member's ability to render an impartial judgment, the member shall immediately resign from the Disciplinary Committee and a replacement shall be selected by the Dean.

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2. Notice to the student. The Disciplinary Committee convened to hear charges against a student shall promptly inform the student of the hearing date in writing, and shall promptly transmit the following to the student:
 - a. a written copy of the charges made and referred to the Committee; and
 - b. copies of all supporting documents submitted to the Committee.
3. Presentation of the case. The Associate Dean shall prepare the case and present the facts in the proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee. The Associate Dean shall have the right to be assisted by counsel.
4. Student's right to counsel. The student has the right to choose and to be represented by, or to be accompanied by, an advisor or counsel at all stages of the proceeding before the Disciplinary Committee. Such advisor or counsel may be any person of the student's choice, provided, however, that any cost incurred shall be borne by the student.
5. Witnesses and evidence at the hearing. Both the student and the Associate Dean have the right to call witnesses and to introduce evidence at the hearing. Each party and the Committee members may cross-examine any witness.

At least four days prior to the hearing the parties shall exchange copies of all documents to be submitted at the hearing and a list of all witnesses expected to be called, including a brief summary of each witness' testimony.
6. The right to remain silent. The student has the right to remain silent at the hearing. No inferences shall be drawn from a decision by the student to remain silent at the hearing.
7. Rules of evidence. The rules of evidence applicable to criminal and civil trials do not govern hearings before a Disciplinary Committee. Except as otherwise provided in this article, and subject to disapproval by vote of the Committee, the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee may make such rulings as to the admissibility of evidence as in the judgment of the Chair will expedite the hearing and ensure due process.
8. Disciplinary Committee hearings. The place of the hearing before a Disciplinary Committee shall be determined by the Committee. Hearings are normally closed. However, the student may elect to have the hearing open to the public.
9. Tape recordings. Disciplinary Committee hearings, except for the Committee's deliberations, shall be recorded in full on audio tape, which shall be held in the files of the School of Law and made available to the student, or the student's authorized representatives, for review. Such materials shall be kept for a period of time consistent with the University's normal record retention policies and/or practices.

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11. Burden of proof. The Associate Dean bears the burden of proof to establish by clear and convincing evidence that the student violated these Regulations.

Article VII. Disciplinary Committee Decisions

1. Disciplinary Committee deliberations private. After receiving all the evidence, statements, and arguments submitted at the hearing, the Disciplinary Committee shall deliberate in private.
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5. Form of disciplinary action. The following are some of the forms of disciplinary action that may be taken pursuant to the decision of a Disciplinary Committee or the Dean. In its determination of an appropriate sanction, the Committee may take into consideration factors beyond those at issue at the hearing, e.g. the impact of a grade reduction on the student's G.P.A.:
 - a. Reprimand. The student may receive a reprimand. The reprimand is part of the student's law school record, but is not recorded upon the student's University transcript.
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- c. Grade reduction/revocation of degree. The student's grade in the course in which an alleged violation occurred may be reduced by one or more grade levels or rescinded. Moreover, a previously awarded degree may be revoked.
 - d. Suspension. The student may be suspended from the School of Law for a determinate period with permission to return at the end of that period. The suspension is part of the student's law school record and may be recorded upon the student's University transcript. A suspension may be stayed subject to the proviso that the stay shall terminate automatically if, during such stay, the student is found to have again violated these regulations.
 - e. Expulsion. The student may be expelled. The expulsion terminates the student's status as a law student and permanently ends the student's studies at the School of Law. The expulsion is part of the student's permanent law school record and is recorded upon the student's University transcript.
 - f. Notice to State Bar Examiners. Any finding of unprofessional conduct or rule violation shall be reported to the Bar Examiners of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i or to any similar agency in another jurisdiction in which the student might seek to practice law.
6. Effect of decisions of a Disciplinary Committee. In any case involving a finding of cheating on a final examination in a course or plagiarism on a paper in a course, seminar, or supervised writing project, the presumptive effect of such a finding shall be that the student receives a grade of "F" (or in the case of a CR/NC course, a grade of "No Credit"). The Committee may, if in its discretion the circumstances warrant, deviate from this presumptive rule.

Article VIII. Appeal of Disciplinary Committee Decisions

- 1. Review by the Disciplinary Review Panel. All Disciplinary Committee decisions finding that a rule violation or unprofessional conduct has been established may be appealed by the student involved. The appeal shall be in writing and must be received by the Associate Dean within 14 calendar days of the student's receipt of the Committee's report. The student's appeal statement shall set forth grounds upon which the student desires relief from the Committee's decision. The Disciplinary Review Panel shall review such portions of the evidence and testimony as are necessary to full consideration of the student's appeal, but the Panel need not confine its review to issues raised before the Committee. No additional evidence shall be introduced for consideration in the review by the Panel.
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2. appear before the Disciplinary Committee;
3. legal counsel or a representative of the student's choice, with any cost so incurred to be borne by the defendant;
4. present oral, documentary, or physical evidence on the student's behalf;
5. examine and cross-examine witnesses;
6. require the Disciplinary Committee to request the presence of witnesses and the production of documents or physical evidence;
7. remain silent without such silence being construed against the student;
8. a presumption of the student's innocence until the Disciplinary Committee is convinced by clear and convincing evidence that the student engaged in the misconduct charged in violation of these Regulations;
9. a copy of the Disciplinary Committee's decision in writing; and
10. waive any right herein conferred by notice of such waiver in writing to the Disciplinary Committee, or by failure to appear after being duly served, or by failure to exercise any rights granted the defendant.

Article X. Severability

If any provision of this Disciplinary Regulations is held to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions, wherever possible, shall be severable therefrom.

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA
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**ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES
(Revised July, 1997)**

These policies and procedures are established by the faculty of the William S. Richardson School of Law to provide consistent and equitable treatment for faculty and students of the law school in resolving issues arising from the academic relationship between individual faculty and individual students. Their applicability is limited to those issues directly associated and concomitant with the faculty member's responsibilities as a teacher and the student's responsibilities as a learner.

While based upon policies and procedures followed by the University as a whole, only these policies and procedures are applicable to students taking courses at the law school. Decisions reached through these procedures shall be considered final within the University.

DEFINITIONS

Students - Any individual enrolled in a course for academic credit at the law school.

Faculty Member - Any individual engaged in research and/or instruction for credit at the law school.

Semester - Any scheduled term of instruction including Summer Session.

I. Responsibilities of Faculty

In the classroom and in conference, faculty members are expected to adhere to the highest professional standards of behavior and conduct. The responsibilities of faculty members include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. To permit students who act in accordance with the responsibilities indicated in Responsibilities of Students (Section II) to complete any course in which they are enrolled.
- B. To ensure that the course offered is in fundamental accord with the latest course description.
- C. To provide students at the beginning of the semester/ session with written explanation of the course objectives, general grading policy, syllabus listing reading assignments, attendance policy (See II. B), and the manner in which the course will be conducted. The course syllabus may be amended orally or in writing during the semester to reflect changes in the reading assignments. Substantial amendments and exam detail changes should be in writing.

- D. To retain student papers, tests, and examinations for one year unless returned to the students.
- E. To provide regular class instruction as scheduled with class meetings beginning and ending at the stated times, and to comply with the law school calendar and examination schedule.
- F. To provide students at appropriate times during the semester with fair and objective evaluations of their work and progress in the course. This does not apply to courses in which no work is presented for evaluation during the semester.
- G. To provide students equitable and unbiased treatment in an educational climate free from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or age and harassment.
- H. To post and maintain reasonable and mutually convenient office hours during the course of the regular semester to meet with students.
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**ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES
(OVERVIEW)
(Revised July, 1997)**

I. Introduction

These procedures are used to ensure consistent and equitable treatment for students and to resolve issues arising from the academic relationship between individual faculty and students.

For any grievance involving a claim of sexual harassment, the student should go to the University's Equal Opportunity & Affirmative Action Officer before beginning any of the steps outlined below.

II. Statute of Limitations

Claims must be initiated within 45 days of mailing of grade.

III. Step 1 (Informal Resolution)

- A. Meet with Professor, or
- B. See Associate or Assistant Dean.
- C. Campus mediation services are available to assist in resolving disputes.

IV. Step 2 (Formal Resolution)

- A. Written complaint given to Associate Dean within 14 days after Step 1 has ended.
- B. Associate Dean has 14 days to achieve mediated resolution.

V. Step 3

- A. Written request for a hearing before the Academic Grievance Committee-Law must be filed with the Associate Dean within 14 days after student has been notified of final results of Step 2.
- B. Academic Grievance Committee-Law.
 - 1. Composed of one third-year student and four faculty (at option of grievant, may consist solely of 3 faculty members).

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- E. To follow official procedures in pursuing redress of a grievance.
- F. To refrain from frivolous grievances.
- G. To promote an educational climate free from harassment and discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or age.

III. Procedures for Resolution of Academic Grievances

If a student has fulfilled his/her responsibilities relevant to his or her grievance and believes that a faculty member has failed to meet any of the responsibilities stated in Section I of this document, or has acted arbitrarily and/or capriciously in any other area of the academic relationship, the student may initiate action to achieve remedy. The action(s) available is outlined below and must be initiated no later than 45 calendar days after the grade for the course in question has been mailed to the student. Since the AGC-Law only meets during Fall and Spring semesters, completion of actions begun late in the semester may have to be delayed until the following semester.

- A. **Step 1 (informal)** - The student should try to resolve the problem with the faculty member involved. The student may first discuss the grievance with the Assistant or Associate Dean or another faculty member before speaking with the faculty member. Should the grievance involve a claim of sexual harassment, the student should go to the campus Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Officer before speaking with the faculty member. In the attempt to resolve the matter with the faculty member, the student and the faculty member are encouraged to consider the use of professional mediation services available on campus. When approached by a student concerning a grievance, the faculty member should first remind the student of the existence of these procedures and suggest that the student obtain a copy from the Associate Dean's office before proceeding.

If the resolution reached in Step 1 suggests a change of a grade, the grade change must be approved by the full faculty before it is implemented.

- B. **Step 2 (formal)** - Failing to resolve the problem at Step 1, the student shall prepare a formal complaint in writing indicating (1) the facts as the student perceived them, citing specific violations where possible; (2) the remedy sought; (3) the faculty member's response, if any, to the consultations of Step 1. This complaint is presented to the Associate Dean, with a copy for the faculty member, and must be filed within 14 calendar days of the time when the outcome reached in Step 1 is made

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D. Responsibilities and Procedures of AGC-Law.

1. Pre-hearing Procedures

- a. Should AGC-Law decide, on the basis of all material before it, that no reasonable case exists, it has the right to refuse the hearing request. Completion of Steps 1 and 2 does not automatically lead to a full hearing. A decision denying a hearing request is appealable to the law school faculty. Such appeal must be made in writing within five calendar days of receipt of notice of the AGC-Law decision and shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled faculty meeting.
- b. Upon receipt of the appeal, the AGC-Law has seven calendar days within which to decide if it will hear the grievant's case.
- c. The AGC-Law shall hold a hearing on the case within 14 calendar days of its decision to hold a hearing.
- d. The AGC-Law may waive any and all specified time deadlines for a specific period when there is evidence that a good-faith effort to meet the deadline has been made.
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 - 1) give written notice of the hearing, at least seven calendar days prior to the hearing, to the student and the faculty member;
 - 2) inform all parties of the date, time, and place of the hearing

2. Hearing Procedures

The AGC-Law shall adopt written guidelines for the conduct of the hearing which shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. The student grievant and/or faculty party may have an advisor present provided that notice of such intent and the name of the advisor are given to the Chair seven calendar days prior to the hearing. The other

party to the case shall be notified by the Chair of such notice and may, then, in such event, without notice, also have an advisor present.

- b. The hearing shall be open unless the student grievant or faculty party requests, in writing, a closed hearing. This request must be made at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
- c. The burden of proof shall be upon the student grievant who shall prove his or her case by clear and convincing evidence.
- d. The Chair shall be responsible for recording the hearing on audio tape, maintaining order, and shall have the authority to rule on points of order and to exclude immaterial and/or unduly repetitious evidence.
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- f. Oral and documentary evidence may be introduced.
- g. The student grievant and faculty party shall have the right to question witnesses and submit rebuttal testimony.
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Nothing in this Statement on Responsibilities of Faculty and Students and Academic Grievance Procedures for Students, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, shall preclude either the student or the faculty member from seeking redress through a court of competent jurisdiction or an outside enforcement agency.

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MEMORANDUM

October 15, 1997

TO: Law Students and Faculty

FROM: Joanne Punu

Attached for your information and reference are the updated policies and procedures pertaining to the administration of law school exams.

Please read these carefully and *retain for future reference*.

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WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINATIONS

(Revised 9/97)

The policies and procedures for examinations are set forth below to provide each law instructor and student with a guide to the norms of the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Unless the instructor specifically directs that the examination may be written outside the physical confines of the Law School, these provisions on examinations will apply.

BEFORE THE EXAM

- υ About one week prior to the commencement of final exams, each student must obtain an identification (ID) number from the Student Services front desk. Students will be given *one* ID number *per semester* to be used on all *final* exams for that semester. (A separate number will be issued each semester for those classes having midterm exams.) Students should assure that the ID number will be easily available for each examination. Since ID numbers assure an anonymous grading system, please guard your number as appropriate.
- υ Each student is charged with the responsibility for noting the exact date, time and room for each and every examination which he or she is required to take. Such detailed information will be contained in the "Final Exams Schedule" that will be distributed and posted on the official bulletin board a few weeks before final exams commence.

THE DAY OF THE EXAM

- υ Students writing their exams should proceed to the designated room(s); typists will be assigned separate room(s). Students *must* be seated *15 minutes before* the examination commences, with *no less than one seat* space (approximately 3 feet) between students. Students arriving late for an exam will not be given additional make-up time.
- υ Faculty may not proctor their own examinations. However, the instructor of the course should be available in his/her office during the hours of the exam to respond to questions about the examination. If the course instructor cannot be available, he/she should ask another member of the faculty or staff to be available for questions regarding the exam. Responses to individual questions which might affect the grading of the examination will, as much as possible, be announced to the entire group taking the exam.

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- b. (FOR TYPISTS): The ID number should be on each typed page; each page should be numbered together with the total number of pages--for example: 1 of 10, 2 of 10, 3 of 10, etc. Staple all answer sheets together (a stapler is provided in the typing room). Typists must also turn in the exam question. Place typing papers and exam question in the manila envelope, seal and place exam number across the seal.
 - c. ***Be sure to turn in all materials containing answers.*** It is the students' responsibility to insure that all materials (such as blue books, typing paper, answer sheets, etc.) intended to be graded are submitted to the proctor at the end of the exam in the sealed envelope. Credit will be given ***only*** to such materials.
 - d. ***Sign the class list.*** This is important as it serves as proof of a student's presence during the exam.
- u Students should gather their papers ***QUIETLY*** so as not to disturb others. Once out of the room, please be quiet as students may be taking exams in adjacent rooms.
 - u Students may leave the exam room to go to the restrooms or to take a break. Please do not allow classroom doors to bang as you enter and exit. During such a break, students should not talk to anyone or remove any exam materials (questions or answers) from the exam room. There will be ***ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING, NO DRINKING OF BEVERAGES OR CONSUMPTION OF FOOD IN THE EXAM ROOMS.***

AFTER THE EXAM

- u Students should not discuss the contents of examinations until grades are posted. This is necessary to assure the security of the exam in the event that someone is unable to take the exam at the scheduled time.
- u Under no circumstances should students identify themselves or their matching exam numbers to the professor (this applies to the exam paper itself, as well as before, during or after the examination). References or notations on the exam which the professor may recognize as coming from a certain student should be studiously avoided. Students should not discuss their examination with the professor ***until grades have been posted.***
- u Students should contact the Assistant Dean immediately regarding concerns about anonymity, transposed or forgotten exam numbers, etc.
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POSTING OF GRADES/LOST EXAM NUMBERS

- υ Results of examinations will be posted on the Student Services bulletin board by ID number. Grades are due one month after the date of the exam, although some grades may be posted sooner.
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Policy on Plagiarism

(July 1997)

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Plagiarism is serious business, particularly in law schools. Learning what plagiarism is and how to avoid it makes sense for at least two reasons: ethical and practical. The Code of Professional Responsibility, which sets forth the ethical norms (some aspirational and some mandatory) by which lawyers are expected to conduct their professional affairs, does not specifically mention plagiarism. But, Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (c) states that "[i]t is professional misconduct for a lawyer to...engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation." It should be obvious that a law student who, under pressure of deadlines, "borrows" without attribution language and ideas from others might also have no qualms about "borrowing" other, more tangible things once in practice. Law schools are duty-bound to do all they can to ensure a firm moral grounding for all potential lawyers.

On the practical side, the key to a successful legal argument is the ability to convince the listener (be she judge, client, or opposing counsel) there is a sound legal and factual basis for the position you are advocating. If your argument lacks citation, or if the citations are inaccurate, the listener will not be swayed. Even in cases where your argument is at the cutting edge of the law and advocates a new direction, contrary to existing law, the listener must be brought gradually to that eventual leap of faith along a comfortable path well-marked by citation to existing authority.

The definition of plagiarism used by this law school is a simple one:

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Common Problems/Solutions

A. The "borrowed" footnote.

Law review articles are infamous for the number of footnotes they include. Among devotees of this art there is a story, no doubt apocryphal, about a law review article with one line of text accompanied by seventy pages of footnotes.

Suffice it to say, footnotes in law review articles can be an excellent source of footnotes or even text for your own paper. It is not necessarily unethical to take advantage of this gold mine of information, but steps should be taken to avoid even the appearance of plagiarism. As a further note of caution, even in the best of journals, footnotes are not always accurate. All "borrowed" citations should be checked for accuracy (both the citation format and to be sure the cited case/article stands for the proposition for which it is being cited, and that the law has not subsequently changed).

Examples

- (1) You are doing a paper on a family law issue. Footnote 37 of a law review article lists the 38 states that have a similar provision regarding adoptions. You want to include this info in your paper. Do you cite the law review footnote? Absolutely, this is research they did, not you. Do you review the statutes of all 50 states to confirm that the original footnote was correct? If the information is important to your thesis and/or you plan to publish your article in a law review, absolutely yes. If the information is peripheral, probably not, but you might want to add some qualifying language like, "according to there are 38 states with similar provisions..." rather than just a simple cite to the footnote number.
- (2) Footnote 115 cites a line of cases on an issue peripheral enough to your topic that you don't want to discuss them in the text of your paper, but you feel the reader might find them of interest. You must acknowledge that it was the law review author, not you, who found these cases. Depending upon the circumstances, you might also want to check them to be sure the citations are accurate and that they stand for the proposition for which they are being cited.
- (3) Footnote 149 cites a 1994 Ohio case for the proposition that there is at least one recent state appellate court decision holding that any law school graduate may pursue an educational malpractice claim against their former law school professors if the graduate is ever sued by a client for attorney malpractice. Guess what: (1) the citation was inaccurate, it was a 1884 case; (2) the holding was expressly limited to non-ABA accredited law schools; and, (3) there is a 1968 case from the same court that holds the earlier decision is no longer valid. Don't be surprised; law review editors are only human and they too make mistakes (except at UH). By borrowing the footnote without checking its accuracy you have inadvertently damaged the credibility of your own paper. If you are going to use the cite, check it first.

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Plagiarism is considered by many to be one of the most serious offenses that can be committed in an academic community⁵ and may reflect upon an individual's moral fitness to practice law.⁶ The failure to acknowledge sources violates the code of scholarly ethics, and ironically, may also indicate one's anxious and abject dependence upon them. Plagiarists, in effect, forfeit the opportunity to do their own original work.

A law student charged with plagiarism is subject to disciplinary action which may include a failing grade, loss of course credit, suspension or expulsion, and notification to the Committee of Bar Examiners in every state where the student intends to practice law.

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Plagiarism by unacknowledged direct quotation or word-for word transcription from source:

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Note that this paragraph duplicates Professor Rodell's passage with only a slight rearrangement and restatement, and without using appropriate quotation marks or citation at the end.

2. *Example 2*

Plagiarism by mosaic, or, mixing paraphrase and unacknowledged quotation from source:

Jokes in literature are *considered to be in bad taste*, perhaps due to the genre's extreme *vulnerability to satire*. The law reviews work *overtime* to remove obnoxious levity and the snippets of humor that remain are often little more than *pedantic wheezes*. Sometimes, the only way to get a laugh out of legal writing is to *take a drink then read aloud*.

Note how in this case the plagiarist intermingles his own original writings with unmarked experts and phrases drawn directly from Professor Rodell, adopts the ideas of the original author, and again fails to provide any citation.

3. *Example 3*

Plagiarism by paraphrase and/or use of ideas:

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Note that although this excerpt does not make literal use of Professor Rodell's paragraphs, it nevertheless draws its ideas from them without any acknowledgment and thus constitutes an act of plagiarism of equal severity as the two preceding examples.

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Although scholars of various disciplines differ on when to cite and not to cite sources, most follow the basic principle that a citation is required to any source of a direct quotation,

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Less clear than the two previous rules, this third rule addressed an ideas that did not originate with the writer but seems generally well known (i.e., that the federal legislature is bicameral),¹⁷ and a generally well-known idea treated as a distinctive or seldom understood concept (i.e. Judge Bork's controversial theory on the limited scope of the first amendment).¹⁸ In the first case, some legal scholars omit a citation when the idea can be found in five or more independent sources. In the second case a formal citation is always required. When in doubt, *cite the source*.

4. *Cite sources that add relevant information to the particular topic or argument propounded.*

This "rule" allows the writer to supply related or parenthetical information without cluttering the body of the paper with extraneous details. Restraint should be exercised in the use of supplementary citations. Too many will distract the reader from the flow of the argument.¹⁹

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USING EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE PLAGIARISM

WAKE FOREST

To help you avoid plagiarism and learn appropriate attribution, consider the examples based on the following excerpt:

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Example 3: *The term "handicap" is difficult to define in a statute. Any attempt to provide a complete list of covered disabilities, however, will be inadequate; some conditions will inevitably be omitted.*

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Several federal appellate courts have held that excludable aliens have no liberty interest in freedom from prolonged detention and, therefore, have no due process rights.

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PLAGIARISM EXAMPLE 2

In holding that the due process clause does not apply to the Mariel Cubans, the courts have failed to distinguished between two interests, the Cubans' interest in freedom from arbitrary and prolonged detention and their interest in the initial application into the United States.

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TO: Law School Community
FROM: Lawrence C. Foster 
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SUBJECT: Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

Welcome to the William S. Richardson School of Law! The University of Hawai'i in general and the law school in particular are committed to providing all students, staff and faculty with an environment free from discrimination and sexual harassment. As a part of this commitment, the University has implemented policies and detailed procedures to be followed in the case of an alleged violation of one of these policies.

While we do not anticipate having a serious case of discrimination or sexual harassment at the law school, we do occasionally have a situation in which a visitor or a member of our own community unconsciously or inadvertently makes an inappropriate statement or gesture. As you probably already know, in sexual harassment cases the intentions of the harasser are irrelevant. A court looks at how the recipient perceived the conduct or behavior, notwithstanding the "innocent" state of mind of the harasser.

More obvious examples of sexual harassment or discrimination include telling sexual or off-color jokes, unconsented touching, repeatedly asking out a person who is not interested, or making remarks disparaging of a person's gender, race, ethnicity, or sexual preference.

While consensual relationships between professors and students are not barred by any University policy, they are strongly discouraged. Consensual relationships should be avoided until the law school relationship has ended so as to avoid even an appearance of impropriety.

More subtle examples of unwelcome behavior include using last names for all the male students and first names for all the female students, use of hypothetical situations in which the parties are stereotyped (e.g., Mary the homemaker enters into a contract with Manuel the

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Moreover, while some types of behavior may not be classified as discrimination or harassment, they may create a "chilling" learning or working environment. Examples might include demeaning a student's personally distinct style of learning or performance level.

Thank you for contributing to our law school's educational program. We should all stop and consider the effect our words and actions may have on others. Such consideration among a close-knit community such as ours is usually enough to elevate all our words and actions. I hope you will find this policy statement a reassuring reaffirmation of our commitment to creating a positive working and learning environment for all.

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Law Students and the Unauthorized Practice of Law

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■ *"Looking for Law Student to assist [sic] future Small Business Owner with Legal advice [sic]."* (From a notice posted on the law school Administrative Board without permission.) A chill ran down my spine as I pulled the notice off the Board and noticed that two of the phone number tags were missing.

■ *"How do I put on my résumé that I'm helping an inmate on Death Row?"* (From a 2L transfer student whose résumé I was reviewing). In answer to my questions the student explained that while interning for a public defender he had worked with a death row inmate. He "liked the inmate so much" he was continuing to help him write an appeal. And, no, he was not working with or for an attorney.

■ *"But, when I went to law school we were happy to do research for someone who wanted to file a suit. What do you mean, your students can only work for attorneys? Well, I'll just come in and post a notice, and you won't even know about it!"* (From an irate caller, who is not an attorney, looking for a law student to help her prepare a suit against her doctor.)

Each of the above conversations or events occurred during the fall semester of 1994. I became concerned about law students who might respond to a posted notice and, without knowing the rules, end up accused of the unauthorized practice of law. I looked for an official statement that I could post and include in my written materials to explain what the

unauthorized practice of law is, why it is an issue, and what the ramifications are for someone (law student or not) who practices law without supervision or without a license. I looked through the materials in my office, e-mailed several other career services offices, and called NALP to see if a statement or policy existed. No one had an official policy available that I could use, so I began to research the topic and look for information that I could use to inform and protect my students.

Following many conversations and much research, I am happy to share with you what I have found. After reviewing the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, ABA Opinions, the Student Practice Rules, and cases in different states, I have found rules and regulations that exist and apply to students in three settings. The first two settings generally do not raise concerns; it is the third setting that is most likely to be misunderstood by law students.

1. Students Subject to State Student Practice Rules

Senior law students are eligible for a limited license to practice as students. Every state has rules and regulations that define what the student can do, whether they must be supervised, and what requirements they must meet in order to be licensed. At Northern Illinois University College of Law, these students are usually involved in either civil or criminal externship programs, are very closely supervised, have taken a class in professional responsibility, and are aware of the pitfalls of the unauthorized practice of law.

2. The Student Working under the Supervision of a Licensed Attorney

The student who is working under the supervision of an attorney may be a 1L, 2L, or 3L. He or she may be working on a short- or long-term research project, may be working part-time or summers as a law clerk, or may be involved in a voluntary structured *pro bono* program. For the most part, the student will have found this project or job through the career services office, which assures the student that someone has

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3. Law Students without a License and without Supervision

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Overview

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The Model Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 5.5 applies to lawyers who aid a nonlawyer (lay person or law student) in the unauthorized practice of law:

"Rule 5.5 Unauthorized Practice of Law

A lawyer shall not:

- (a) practice law in a jurisdiction where doing so violates the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction; or
- (b) assist a person who is not a member of the bar in the performance of activity that constitutes the unauthorized practice of law."

Two specific ABA Opinions clarify the Model Rules of Professional Conduct:

"A lawyer often delegates tasks to clerks, secretaries, and other lay persons. Such delegation is proper if the lawyer maintains a direct relationship with his client, supervises the delegated work, and has complete professional responsibility for the work product. A lawyer can employ nonlawyers to do any task for him except counsel clients about law matters, engage directly in the practice of law, appear in court or appear in formal proceedings as a part of the judicial process, so long as it is he who takes the work and vouches for it to the client and becomes responsible to the client." *ABA Opinion 316 (1967)*

"A lawyer cannot delegate his professional responsibility to a law student employed in his office. He may avail himself of the assistance of the student

in many of the fields of the lawyer's work, such as examination of case law, finding and interviewing witnesses, making collections of claims, examining court records, delivering papers, conveying important messages, and other similar matters. But the student is not permitted, until he is admitted to the Bar, to perform the professional functions of a lawyer, such as conducting court trials, giving professional advice to clients or drawing legal documents for them. The student in all his work must act as agent for the lawyer employing him, who must supervise his work and be responsible for his good conduct." *ABA Opinion 85 (1932)*

Public Policy

Annotations to the Model Code of Professional Responsibility explain the public policy reasons behind the Code:

"The prohibition against practice of law by a layman is grounded in the need of the public for integrity and competence of those who undertake to render legal services.

A layman who seeks legal services often is not in a position to judge whether he will receive proper professional attention. The entrustment of a legal matter may well involve the confidences, the reputation, the property, the freedom, or even the life of the client. Proper protection of members of the public demands that no person be permitted to act in the confidential and demanding capacity of a lawyer unless he is subject to the regulations of the legal profession.

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Cases in several states illustrate the results of allowing law students to do legal work without sufficient supervision. The Supreme Court of Indiana affirmed that allowing law students to answer telephone inquiries concerning legal matters was sufficient evidence of professional misconduct to disbar an attorney (*In re Zarko Sekerez*, 458 N.E.2d 229 (Ind. 1984)).

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Office of the Dean

July 1998

TO: Law School Community

FROM: Lawrence C. Foster
Professor and Dean

SUBJECT: Bulletin Boards

The set up of the bulletin boards is as follows:

1. The glass bulletin boards located on both sides of the hallway around the corner from Classroom 1 are the official location for school announcements. Students should check these boards daily.
2. The board located inside and outside the Faculty Lounge is for all flyers, letters and memos of general interest to the faculty.
3. The student bulletin boards inside and outside the Student Lounge are for items of interest to all students, such as items for sale or wanted, typing services, student organization notices, student activities, scholarships, writing competitions, etc. A "Free Speech" board is located in the courtyard near the elevator.
4. The bulletin board located just inside the front doors of the Administration Building is currently being used to announce clerkship opportunities, non-Hawaii summer internships and some placement information.
5. The glass display case in the student hallway is for special displays. Please see the Associate Dean if you would like to use this space.
6. Library. Since the Law Library bulletin board space is limited, you must obtain permission from a librarian to post materials.

Please let us know if the above-described use of bulletin boards proves inconvenient to anyone in the law school community. Direct all inquiries to the Associate Dean.

POST NO BILLS! Faculty and staff are asked to discourage any posting of signs and notices of classes or events on any building walls, doors, and other surfaces on campus. Signs taped or posted on walls destroy the painted surfaces. Restrict all posting to bulletin boards.

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TO: All Students

FROM: Lawrence C. Foster 
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SUBJECT: Messages, Appointments, Food, Facilities, E-mail, etc.

One major change from prior years is the new requirement that each student must have an E-mail address. Please see item 12.

1. Dean's Office: The Dean and the rest of the Administrative personnel are in and out of their offices throughout the day. If we are here and free, please do not hesitate to see us. Otherwise, please feel free to make an appointment to see us.
2. Arranging To See Faculty: Each faculty member will post his or her office hours on the bulletin board opposite the Faculty Secretaries' Office or on the door to their office. Appointments to see them at other times should be made by calling them directly and, if appropriate, leaving a message on the voice mail system. Messages may also be left for them by contacting the faculty secretary assigned to each faculty member (Room 252, or call 956-7629).
3. Student Messages: If someone outside the school needs to leave a message for you, please ask the person to call the Student Lounge, 956-8633. Anyone answering the phone should leave a note for you on the alphabetized student message board located on the second floor by Student Organizations. This is not a completely reliable way of reaching you but we do not have the facilities for anything more elaborate.
4. Emergency Messages: The Administration will accept emergency messages only, and will interrupt classes to deliver them to you there. The Library staff will likewise accept emergency messages only, and deliver them to your carrel.

If you know that an emergency situation is possible, please make prior arrangements with me for the delivery of emergency messages. "Emergencies" are generally medical in nature.

5. Use of Rooms: The six seminar rooms and the five main classrooms (when unlocked) can be used by student study/discussion groups on an "as available" and "first come" basis without prior clearance. A late class, an examination, a special event, or any formally scheduled event or class takes precedence. If you want to use a room other than these seminar rooms or the five main classrooms, you must see the Associate Dean or his/her secretary. Please limit your studying to the Library or the rooms described above. When using such rooms, be sure that they are closed and secured when you leave. Please note that the storage of books, study aids and other personal effects must be confined to lockers in the Student Lounge. The rest of our facilities including all classrooms and seminar rooms are open to all students and therefore inappropriate for personal storage. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Issuance of Classroom Keys: Student organizations may reserve rooms for use during the day or after hours. In cases of special need, **one person** from the law student organization may be authorized to obtain/return key(s) from the law school for the room(s). If that person is unable to come to the Law School and pick up the key(s) the organization **must designate in writing** who will be authorized to pickup/return the key(s). Keys are to be returned **ASAP** and no later than 8:30 a.m. the next working day. Should it be a weekend or a holiday event then the key(s) must be returned the next working day at 8:30 a.m., e.g. Monday. If the Associate Dean's office does not receive the key(s) by then, this would affect future usage of law school facilities for that organization.

6. Building Security and Lock-up: Because our classroom building is built in a series of modular blocks, access to a particular module may be required before use of a specific room within that module is possible. Campus security rules prohibit our leaving all modules open to free access at all times. This is particularly difficult in relation to the Student Lounge and the Student Message Board. We are prohibited from leaving the access doors to the corridors in that area open all the time. We lock the access doors at 4:15 p.m., weekdays. They will not be open on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.

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NOTE: Please maintain the confidentiality of any unlocking combinations that you may know. Our building is readily accessible to pedestrian traffic; our only security is our ability to lock certain doors. All classrooms and seminar rooms are directly accessible to pedestrian traffic. Should we suffer any property loss or damage, we may not be able to keep the rooms available for study groups.

CAUTION: For your safety, if you must be on campus in the evening or late at night, we urge you to take advantage of campus security's dusk to dawn escort service, to travel in groups, and to know where the nearest emergency call boxes with blue lights are located.

7. **Two-Wheeled Vehicle Parking:** Parking spaces for bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles, motorbikes, or other two-wheeled vehicles are provided at the Ewa ends of both the library and classroom buildings. Parking such vehicles along the railings or in the corridors of the classroom building is prohibited by University policy. Violators will be referred to Campus Security.
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The consumption or storage of food and beverages in the library building is prohibited. This prohibition includes your carrel and all side rooms in the library. The reason for this restriction in the library is that food crumbs attract bugs, and bugs eat books when they run out of crumbs. The bugs are smarter than we are, and that threatens our collection. Students who bring in food and drink will be asked to leave the library building.

9. **Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited inside the Law School and the courtyard. Smoking is permitted in front of the law administration building and in the parking lot area.

10. **Get Togethers:** We encourage the use of our courtyard for get togethers, subject to the following:
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 - b. If you have an existing e-mail account with a commercial provider and wish to continue using it, you can forward all of your "hawaii.edu" e-mail to your commercial account. For help in creating an e-mail forwarding file from your university e-mail account, send e-mail to csshelp@hawaii.edu or go to the library's circulation desk and request assistance from computer services support.

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All law students	lawstu-l		
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OneLs	law1l-l	ThreeLs	law3l-l

PRO BONO PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET



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TO: Potential Pro Bono Program Supervisor

FROM: Pro Bono Advisor
William S. Richardson School of Law

Thank you for your interest in our Pro Bono Program. If you have any questions about any of the program ground rules, please call me at 956-3304 and I would be happy to discuss them with you. We anticipate that our ground rules will change from time to time, and if you would like to continue an ongoing relationship with our program, you will receive a letter from us periodically.

We have a limited number of students, so we cannot guarantee that students will volunteer to work on your project. We will, however, do our best to make the students aware of the availability of a placement with you. To this end, we suggest that you keep on file with us an updated, brief description of what duties a student might be expected to perform at your office. Please be sure to include the name and phone number of the contact person at your office. Please understand that neither supervisors nor students can change the following ground rules without the concurrence of the Pro Bono Advisor or the Pro Bono Program Committee.

Pro Bono Ground Rules

1. Students participating in this program are not covered by the so called "student practice rule" of the Rules of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court, thus they may not give legal advice, make formal appearances in court or otherwise engage in the practice of law.
2. It is anticipated that students will generally be supervised directly by an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Hawai'i. Exceptions to this general rule must be approved in advance of any placement by the Pro Bono Advisor.
3. Supervision of students participating in the Pro Bono Program is the sole responsibility of the supervising attorney or other approved supervisor.
4. Work assigned to students under this program should be law-related and not simply clerical.

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5. Each student, upon completion of a placement, will complete a written critique of the placement and submit it to the Pro Bono Advisor. All recent written critiques will be kept on file for review by prospective student volunteers.
6. Students may not be compensated or receive academic credit for any work done under this program.
7. The legal work must conform to concept of "pro bono" which means "for the public good" in the ordinary sense of the term. Pro bono work includes any legal work performed without compensation which is provided for needy clients at no cost (or at substantially reduced cost) to the client or which is performed in the public interest.
8. All work done by the student under the program must be recorded on a Pro Bono Program time sheet and each time sheet must be signed by the student and the student's supervising attorney before it is submitted to the Pro Bono Advisor.
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LAW STUDENT PUBLIC SERVICE (PRO BONO) PROGRAM**

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It is hoped that exposure to this aspect of an attorney's responsibility to the community will enrich the legal education of law students at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

In order to make the experience both meaningful and useful, the pro bono work is meant to be legal in nature, not clerical or administrative. Additionally, built into the program is a component which encourages the student to discuss and evaluate his or her experience.

It is felt that pro bono is a concept worth instilling in law students before they graduate, and it is hoped that law students will gain an understanding and a sensitivity to unmet legal needs and issues. Developing such a commitment during the educational process will benefit not only the law students, but the entire community -- the community that subsidizes every U.H. law student's legal education. The preparation of lawyers who recognize the importance of their public service obligations is an important objective of the William S. Richardson School of Law.

A. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM

1. The requirement began with the entering class of August 1992. All admittees are given notice of the requirement when acceptance letters are sent to them.
2. The definition of pro bono is construed liberally and encompasses government service, including any federal, state, or local government agency or court.
3. Law students are required to complete 60 hours of pro bono service before graduation.
4. Students can complete hours towards their pro bono requirement during any of their years in law school. However, first year law students are only authorized to perform their pro bono service during the winter recess after completion of examinations for the first semester and during the spring semester.
5. As a suggested goal, students are encouraged to complete 30 hours of pro bono service before registering for the first semester of their third year and 45 hours of pro bono service before registering for the second semester of their third year.
6. Law students are responsible for locating pro bono work and qualified supervisors.

7. For May graduates, the deadline to complete all pro bono requirements is the Friday after spring recess. For December graduates, the deadline to complete all pro bono requirements is the Monday following the Thanksgiving recess.

B. PRO BONO PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Law students who enroll in the William S. Richardson School of Law after May 1992 shall complete 60 hours of pro bono service prior to graduation.
2. First year law students may only perform approved pro bono service during the winter recess of their first year after completing the first semester of law school study.
3. Except for the restrictions on the first year law student pro bono activity, the 60-hour requirement may be fulfilled during one or more semesters and during the winter, spring, and summer recesses.
4. The 60-hour pro bono work requirement may be fulfilled with one or more approved agencies, individuals, organizations, or projects. Pro bono work must be approved in advance by the Pro Bono Advisor.
5. No more than a total of 10 hours of approved training may be counted toward the pro bono service requirement.
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7. For May graduates, the deadline to complete all pro bono requirements is the Friday after spring recess. For December graduates, the deadline to complete all pro bono requirements is the Monday following the Thanksgiving recess.

B. PRO BONO PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Law students who enroll in the William S. Richardson School of Law after May 1992 shall complete 60 hours of pro bono service prior to graduation.
2. First year law students may only perform approved pro bono service during the winter recess of their first year after completing the first semester of law school study.
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 - g. **Native Rights Law:** Rights which emanate from the status of native Hawaiians as an aboriginal people and from the political status of the Hawaiian Kingdom prior to 1893.
2. Pro bono work must be uncompensated and must not be for academic credit.
 3. Pro bono work must involve legal service.
 4. Pro bono work must be approved in advance by the Pro Bono Advisor.
 5. Pro bono work must be supervised by an attorney, a law school faculty member, or other qualified supervisor approved in advance by the Pro Bono Advisor.
 6. Pro bono work must be work for which the supervisor does not charge a fee, or charges a substantially reduced fee.

D. LAW STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Identify pro bono work that conforms to the pro bono work criteria and locate a supervising attorney, law school faculty member, or other qualified person to supervise the pro bono work.
2. Submit a pro bono registration form to the Pro Bono Advisor prior to commencement of pro bono services. (Forms are available in the Pro Bono Advisor's office or the Associate Dean's office and must be signed by the qualified person who agrees to supervise the pro bono work of the law student and who agrees to follow the Pro Bono Program ground rules. Only the Pro Bono Advisor can approve pro bono work).
3. Submit time sheets to the Pro Bono Advisor's office or the Associate Dean's office, signed by the qualified person who supervised the pro bono work, indicating the number of pro bono hours performed. (No pro bono work credit will be allowed unless approved time sheets are submitted. Turn all forms in promptly.)

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5. Check the pro bono section of the student bulletin board for information about the program and possible pro bono opportunities.
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E. DEFINITIONS

1. "Attorney" is a person who is certified or provisionally certified to practice law in the State of Hawai'i by the Supreme Court of Hawai'i.
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5. "Pro bono" means "for the public good" in the ordinary sense of the term, including any legal work performed without compensation which is provided for needy clients at no cost (or at a substantially reduced cost) to the client or which is performed in the public interest. The notion of pro bono espouses no partisan program or philosophy. It is work which, judged on the merits of the issue addressed, furthers justice, fairness and the public good rather than the interests of a client who is represented on the familiar commercial terms.

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- c. Be the approval authority for law student proposals for pro bono work which satisfy the pro bono criteria.
- d. Maintain records of the progress of each law student.
- e. Post information about the Pro Bono Program and possible pro bono opportunities on the pro bono section of the student bulletin board.

G. PRO BONO PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- 1. The Pro Bono Program Committee shall consist of:
 - a. Three full-time law school faculty members designated by the Dean. The Pro Bono Advisor shall be one of the committee members;
 - b. One law student designated by the Student Bar Association; and
 - c. One law student designated by the Advocates for Public Interest Law.
- 2. The Pro Bono Program Committee shall:
 - a. Rule upon law student appeals concerning law student proposals for pro bono work projects;
 - b. Make general policy decisions to assist the efficient administration of the program;
 - c. Amend provisions of pro bono service policies, without reducing any requirements, for the purpose of enhancing the efficient operation of the Law Student Public Service Program.

H. PRO BONO PROGRAM OFFICE

Contingent on outside funding, the Pro Bono Program shall have its office in the law school building and shall employ administrative staff under the supervision of the Pro Bono Advisor. The administrative staff shall assist the Pro Bono Advisor in administering the Pro Bono Program.

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**Pro Bono Program
Checklist of Required Forms/Reports**

These are forms currently being used in the Pro Bono Program. Forms are available in the Associate Dean's Office.

FORM	WHEN NEEDED
<i>Letter to Supervisor:</i> Information to potential supervisor; understanding of supervisor of Pro Bono Program ground rules.	To be submitted to potential supervisor along with registration form.
<i>Registration Form:</i> Basic information about proposed work; agreement of supervising attorney and student; Pro Bono Advisor approval.	Before starting work with a new agency.
<i>Time Sheet:</i> Records hours of service and types of work done. Requires signature of supervising attorney and approval by Pro Bono Advisor.	Whenever significant service is finished. Separate time sheets must be kept for each agency the student serves. Student is responsible for maintaining a copy for his or her personal records.
<i>Student's Evaluation:</i> of this pro bono experience.	Upon completion of service for a given agency/supervisor.
<i>Supervisor's Evaluation:</i> of the student's performance.	Upon completion of the student's work for a given agency/supervisor.
<i>List of Student's Completed Hours:</i> For all students. Submitted to the registrar to verify clearance to register.	Submitted once a semester.
<i>Individual Student's Report:</i> of hours completed.	Available on request from the Pro Bono Advisor.
<i>Pro Bono Program Completion Report:</i> Summary of student's pro bono experience; hours worked, agencies served, etc. Becomes part of the student's permanent file.	Submitted to records upon completion of pro bono requirement. The deadline for May graduates is the Friday following Spring recess. The deadline for December graduates is the Monday following Thanksgiving recess.

**University of Hawai'i
William S. Richardson School of Law**

Pro Bono Program Registration Form

Semester: _____ Year: _____

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Organization: _____

Supervisor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____

Type of Work Planned for the Student:

(Signature of Supervisor)

(Date)

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TIME SHEET

Supervisor's Name

Supervisor's Signature

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF WORK DONE	HOURS SPENT
TOTAL HOURS:		

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SUPERVISOR'S CRITIQUE OF PRO BONO PLACEMENT

STUDENT EVALUATION FORM

(Please complete this questionnaire and return it to the Pro Bono Program Advisor)

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Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent
Comments:

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Yes_____ No_____

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Yes_____ No_____

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To help future students decide where to go to fulfill their pro bono requirement, we are asking that you complete this questionnaire and return it to the Pro Bono Coordinator at the end of your placement. This form will be compiled in a directory which will be made available for future students to read.

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1. How would you rate your placement overall?

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent

Comments:

2. How much time did you devote to the following activities:

		Low	1	2	3	4	5	High
A.	Legal research and writing		—	—	—	—	—	
B.	Conferences with your supervisor		—	—	—	—	—	
C.	Working with clients		—	—	—	—	—	
D.	Clerical work		—	—	—	—	—	
E.	Reviewing legal documents		—	—	—	—	—	
F.	Other duties (please specify)		—	—	—	—	—	

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DATE: _____

Student's Name: _____
(My name may appear in the pro bono directory)

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or:

Student's Name: _____
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